



Security is our number one priority

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Purtiman
Public Affairs

Force Protection Condition Delta and Charlie - these are words members of the 22nd Air Force and 94th Airlift Wing should get used to. They'll be around for awhile.

The events of Sept. 11 will be forever etched in the minds of people around the world. The terrorist attacks may very well change the ways people go about their everyday lives.

Effects are already being seen in airports nationwide. Airline travel, as most people know it, has drastically changed. Gone is curbside check-in. Passengers must now endure more intensive security procedures and are subject to frequent baggage searches and long lines at the X-Ray machine.

The effects are also being seen at Dobbins.

Concrete barriers, thousands of sandbags and long traffic lines are on hand to greet people as they enter the base — all part of the increased security effort here.

The increased measures don't seem to bother the Dobbins community, according to Bill Moody, chief of

security forces.

"The base population has been outstanding for the past week," he said. "People have been really observant and have reported anything unusual they may have seen. Everyone has been really understanding and even appreciative. It's made our job securing this base easier."

To help Moody keep the base secure, security forces have beefed up their numbers. Additional reservists from the 94th Security Forces Squadron and other units are on hand to augment the active Dobbins force.

"The numbers allow us to have an increased coverage of the base," Moody said. "We have mobile fire teams patrolling areas all over base. We have dedicated coverage of all key base facilities."

Moody was quick to point out that the city of Marietta, the Cobb County Police Department and Life College have been offering outstanding support.

"Security of Dobbins and its residents is my priority," said Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th AW commander. "I appreciate the amount of patience our community has shown and all the support we've been given outside our gates. I look for each one of us to excel during one of the darkest times in American history."



Bunker builders Capt. Gregory Anderson, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Senior Airman Kimono Akins, 94th Logistics Support Squadron, do their part to keep Dobbins secure. (Photo by Senior Airman David Atchison)



Senior Airman Brian Yopez (top) and Senior Airman Clark Abbotts (driver) drive around the Dobbins property to make sure all is secure. (Photo by Senior Airman David Atchison)



Amidst sandbags and concrete, Tech. Sgt. Jerome Hinojos, 302nd Security Forces Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., checks IDs of those entering Dobbins. (Photo by Senior Airman David Atchison)



Master Sgt. Paula Barnes, 94th Mission Support Squadron checks IDs at the bunker at the entrance of Building 838. (Photo by Senior Airman David Atchison)

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(Photo by Don Peek)

By Brig. Gen. William P. Kane
94th Airlift Wing, commander

We have all looked at the world differently since the horrific terrorist acts of Sept. 11. Many of us lost friends, loved ones or know people who did. For many that makes this tragedy all the greater and the nation's response far more personal. President Bush reminded us that we are a great nation and we have demonstrated that by unparalleled demonstrations of solidarity following the attacks. He promised to bring the terrorists to justice and has called on us in the military to help lead that fight. Our fight is on two fronts, making our homeland safe and taking the battle to the enemy. Most of our wing's effort so far has been on securing our homeland. Some of our reservists have been mobilized; others probably will be in the near future. Many reservists were asked to work long and hard to reinforce the bases defenses. Others will be asked to support our security efforts in the future. Some will be asked to deploy to support our nations effort in deployed locations. That is why we joined the Air Force Reserve Command, to defend our nation. We are now being asked to do just that. I have to tell you, I have been incredibly impressed by the effort by the base personnel, from every organization, the

94th Airlift Wing, 22nd Air Force, the Transportation Proficiency Center, the Readiness in Base Services school and many others, who have worked very hard to harden our facility and to support Operation Noble Eagle. Thank you all for what you have done, but we aren't done yet, not by a long shot. I want to talk about several things that need to be done.

First, lets talk about the security of the base and its people. On the 11th we began hardening the base with this approach: "The base must be safer when we go home tonight than it was when we came in this morning." We are still working to make that statement true everyday. When you arrive for your next UTA, you will find increased security — unprecedented levels of security for a stateside base. You will see concrete barriers that will help protect us against a car bomb. You will see bunkers that will help protect us against other threats. You will find restrictions on where you can park, and you will need identification to get into many buildings. You will not even be allowed on base without your military ID. You can expect long lines because we are checking the cards carefully. Under certain conditions, we may even close the base all together. Obviously these issues affect you. I need you to do two things. I want you to be patient. If it's slow getting in the front gate, be patient with the security police, the Cobb or Marietta Police officers. The traffic puts stress on everyone, so please do what the officer tells you to do. We don't have the luxury of arguing with the police in today's environment. We have attempted to stagger reporting times and off scheduled some unit's UTAs but we know it will still be busy at the front gate. Additionally, I need you to be alert. Whether you are on base, enroute, or at home keep an eye out for anything unusual. The maintenance personnel are often the first to recognize people that don't belong on the flight line. You know your environment; if you see something or someone that doesn't belong, call the security police desk and have them check it out. We are all better off safe rather than sorry.

Second, have you ever heard the phrase "operational security?" That phrase refers to unclassified information about what we do at the base. If a terrorist gathers enough unclassified information, he or she will be able to plan an attack that would have maximum effect, or abort an attack that is doomed to failure. You are all potential sources for the terrorist to learn about our operational activities. You might be tempted to tell your neighbors or friends at school about our security procedures or postures. Your friends that know you are in the military often will ask questions that are innocent but that you shouldn't answer. You might even be tempted to get your moment of fame on the TV or radio. Please don't talk to the press. That is my job, and I know what I can tell them and what I can't. It is no one's business outside of the 94th AW who was mobilized, what aircraft are here at Dobbins or what aircraft have deployed from Dobbins. While these things are not secret, we put our people at risk by talking too much. In World War II, the phrase was "loose lips sink ships." Nothing has changed.

Third, your family's security is a concern. Each of us (or all of us) could be mobilized with little or no notice. Your next drill is a great time to review you family care plan, the status of your will, your power of attorney, your shot record, and your various training requirements. We are planning to facilitate these activities to the best of our abilities. It is imperative that you ensure that you are professionally ready and that you have left your family with what they need so you can concentrate on your job if you are mobilized.

Fourth, and last, I want to talk about what I do not want you to do. The United States is a free nation that has been attacked by terrorists that happen to be of the Muslim faith. The Muslims did not attack us, any more than the Christians attacked the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Timothy McVeigh claimed to be a Christian, but he was an extremist and a terrorist and did not represent the Christian faith. We must guard

against saying or doing anything, either on base or off that mixes the many honorable and loyal Muslims in our community with the band of extremists that killed so many people of so many faiths on the 11th. America has many loyal Muslim citizens, and the Air Force has many loyal Muslim members. Let's remember that and focus our efforts on bringing the terrorists to justice and treating our Muslim friends, neighbors and fellow airmen fairly and honorably.

I have covered a lot of issues in this article. I think they are all important. This is an opportunity for all of us to support President Bush in our nations effort to bring these terrorists to justice. Our part in the fight might not be glamorous, but it is nonetheless critical. Thank you for the many sacrifices you have already made, and lets work together with the rest of our nation to live our lives without intimidation. Let's support our nation and do what needs to be done to bring these criminals to justice. God bless the USA.

Top-Three Connection



(Photo by Don Peek)

By Chief Master Sgt. Edward Robinson
94th Civil Engineer Squadron, construction superintendent

The loss of Americans in recent ter-

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rorist attacks adds fuel to the comments I have concerning our two enlisted induction ceremonies last month.

The terrorist attacks and the threat of war make it more important for us as reservists and members of the Air Force to develop our future leaders and to appreciate our current senior enlisted leaders. The fate of our nation lies in the hands of people, across all branches of service, who are willing to take on the responsibilities of NCOs in the capacity of protecting our country.

I know the pride in being a noncommissioned officer, whether you are just entering the ranks or you're progressing through the ranks. Being an NCO means belonging to an elite group.

Last month, we held an induction for our newest chief master sergeants. It was a special moment for me as I'm sure it was for the other new chiefs. The induction of new staff sergeants earlier that day was no less important. Our war is going to be a long one, and with the progression of these new leaders, I feel confident that we'll have the right people to meet any missions we may be called upon to do.

The induction of the new staff sergeants also added to the strength our enlisted people are showing in support and recognition of each other. We now have programs at Dobbins that recognize our enlisted troops as they move into staff, master, and chief master sergeant positions. It says a lot for our progress and our dedication as an enlisted force.

Regardless of your rank as an NCO, you have to think and act differently. It's an added responsibility and a trust that's been placed in you by the Air Force, and as an NCO, you want to step up to that responsibility. We have a tradition of reissuing the oath of office during these induction ceremonies. In the coming months and years, we'll have more induction ceremonies and as you take your oath, don't forget about the responsibility you are accepting.



Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Ferrell, 22nd Air Force Civil Engineering manager, steps forward during induction ceremonies. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

History making induction ceremonies held

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis
Public Affairs

Two firsts occurred at Dobbins ARB last month and both of them recognized the progression of enlisted members through their ranks.

The first was an induction ceremony for newly pinned staff sergeants. Seven new staff sergeants were inducted at Dobbins first NCO Induction Ceremony.

According to Master Sgt. Dale Griffith, 700th Airlift Squadron first sergeant, the event was a growing part of recognizing the importance of the NCO corps at Dobbins.

Attending the induction were Command Chief Master Sergeants Cheryl Adams, Air Force Reserve Command, Charles Lowe, 22nd Air Force, and Jim Woods, 94th Airlift Wing. Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th AW commander reissued the oath to the inductees. Guest speakers reminded the inductees of their new responsibilities and the



Pictured from left to right: Chief Master Sergeants Barry D. Cole, Patrick J. Ferrell, Verscia V. Eason, Gary A. Ask, Mary F. Corrigan, William F. Estes, April S. Jansen, Timothy P. Murphy, Dana F. Mason, Betty J. Petrie, John L. Cowman, Edward G. Robinson, and the 94th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. James Woods. Not pictured: Chief Master Sergeants Scott P. Armstrong and Jeffery T. Jones. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

"This has been a great day for our enlisted people," said Kane at the end of the day. "I'm real proud of the initiatives I've seen in putting these programs together. Our enlisted corps is on the right path in developing and recognizing its people."

importance of developing good leadership traits.

Later that evening, the Dobbins Chiefs Group hosted the first Chiefs Induction Ceremony for new chief master sergeants from Dobbins. The formal event recognized chiefs that were promoted between January 1999 and September 2001 and is planned as an annual event going forward.

Highlighting the event was a dinner, official introductions of the new chiefs, a candle-lighting ceremony, and official induction as a chief. Adams addressed the group, reminding them that rank does have its privileges and will open more doors for the new chiefs. But, she went on to say that along with the privileges come added responsibilities and more scrutiny.

Chief's display new symbol of leadership and bravery



The "War Bonnet" originated with the Plains Indian tribes of the Sioux and Crow. The use of the bonnet spread across Native American tribes with each taking on its own characteristics and designs. Native American bonnets are symbols of leadership and bravery, the characteristics expected from senior Air Force non-commissioned officers.

As part of its first annual Chiefs Induction Ceremony, the Dobbins Chiefs Group presented its symbol of leadership and pride in the rank of chief master sergeant with the unveiling of a war bonnet. The bonnet will be displayed at the Dobbins Consolidated Club as a reminder that the Dobbins Chiefs Group exists to take a leadership role in making life better for the people at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

While using the bonnet as a symbol, members of the Dobbins Chiefs Group respect the Native American culture and in no way are attempting to portray or imitate that culture.

One-on-one interview with Air Force Reserve Command Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Adams

By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman
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At the age of 17, Command Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Adams enlisted in the Air Force Reserve. She had no idea that 24 years later, she would become a command chief master sergeant with the responsibility of overseeing the enlisted affairs of 74,000 Air Force reservists serving worldwide.



Q. Why did you continue your enlistment after your first Reserve commitment?

A. I enjoy the military, plus the Air Force Reserve provided the perfect opportunity to give back in appreciation for the opportunities that I had to learn and achieve.

Q. How would you define your management style?

A. I can't categorize my leadership approach to one specific style. My style adapts as the need arises to whatever situation presents itself. I can be an A-type (aggressive/let's get it done) or B-type (low key/calm mode) personality.

Q. How can retention and recruiting be improved in the Air Force Reserve?

A. As reservists we're all recruiters. When we share our experiences and show enthusiasm for what we do, we help the recruiting efforts of the Air Force Reserve. The same is true for retention. We must continue to talk to each other and get the gist of what keeps people involved in the Reserve program. Promotions, money and benefits will always be factors. But communication is the key. We have to be involved with communicating with our newest members as well as our reservists who are on their second or third-plus enlistment.

Q. The Air Force Reserve is tasked with more real-world missions. What can we do to better prepare

ourselves to meet these additional taskings?

A. The total Air Force mission does require more support from the Reserve component. We have to be in a constant state of readiness to mesh with the active duty members and other military services in any situation. Our people are very good at doing just that.

Our professional development as leaders and managers continue to prepare us for real-world opportunities. Staying informed through study and classroom opportunities helps sharpen our abilities. And we must be willing to put our training into action and take the time to mentor our junior members.

We must also pay attention to the "whole person" concept of the reservist. This includes involvement in the community, self-improvement, membership in local and national organizations.

Q. How different are today's new recruits compared to reservists who enlisted during your early years?

A. Our junior members have the benefit of having more technical opportunities than my generation. Personal computers in the home, advances in communication, and the Internet provide our young people with the opportunity of being technically smarter.

But we must remember that the military represents a tradition of discipline, service before self and opportunity. Our junior members look for what the military stands for.

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Q. How would you evaluate the education of the enlisted force?

A. I would like to see a greater number of reservists enrolling and completing the PME courses that are available. The NCO Academy and Senior NCO Academy are only the beginning when it comes to the educational opportunities that are available to the reservist. Developing the mind is a never-ending process.

Q. What were your challenges as a reservist during your career?

A. I was a single parent with two sons during my career. It was tough sometimes, but I made it. There will be times when people doubt themselves. But my experiences taught me that we can make it in spite of the hard times we may face.

It takes hard work, perseverance and a realization that the world is not perfect. But in spite of a non perfect world, we must do our part.

Q. What can we do to strengthen the Air Force Reserve's commitment to family?

A. The command has strong programs committed to family support. Our efforts in support of family must continue to be reviewed and reevaluated by our leaders and family members. Obtaining direct feedback from families, using tools like surveys is helpful to leadership.

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family days to provide them the opportunity to see what we do and what their tax dollars support.

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We're always open to ideas on improving the family and Reserve relationship.

Q. What improvements are in the works regarding retirement compensation?

A. The subject of retirement involves the legislative branch of government. As citizens we have to continue to communicate our concerns. Plans are in the making for development of a website by the Air Force Reserve Advisory Board. This will provide a means of getting information to the citizen/servicemembers more expeditiously.

Q. What can we do to encourage employer support?

A. I believe employer support is continuing in a positive direction. We can continue to encourage support in several ways. Continuous communication between reservists and their employers is an important first step, as well as periodic communications and "thank you" messages from the military organizations whenever possible. Last, but very important, is the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization. ESGR is an excellent source of information and assistance for reservists, their employers and military organizations. Their offices provide services that range from coordinating an employer awards program to acting as ombudsmen to alleviate conflict.

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Attack on America has many implications

President approves partial mobilization of reserve forces

WASHINGTON - President Bush approved Sept. 14 a request by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld for an order to call up to 50,000 reservists to active duty.

Each service has reviewed its missions and thus far identified personnel requirements for reservists as follows: Army, 10,000; Air Force, 13,000; Navy, 3,000; Marines, 7,500; and Coast Guard, 2,000.

These reservists will provide port operations, medical support, engineer support, general civil support and homeland defense.

The Ready Reserve most recently

underwent a partial mobilization Jan. 18, 1991, for Operation Desert Storm, when 265,322 Guard and Reserve members were activated. Mobilization of Air Force reservists reached its peak with almost 23,500 on duty.

This partial mobilization demonstrates the vital role of reserve forces in the country's national military strategy. The 1.3 million men and women who serve in the seven reserve component make up nearly one half of the U.S. armed forces, and are an integral part of the Department of Defense. Air Force Reserve Command has some 74,000 reservists. (AFRC News Service from a DOD news release)

Air Force reservist killed on hijacked 757

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - An Air Force reservist, who served as an Air Force Academy admissions liaison officer, was among those killed during one of the terrorist hijackings.

Maj. LeRoy Wilton Homer Jr., 36, was the first officer aboard United Airlines Flight 93, which took off the morning of Sept. 11 from Newark, N.J., bound for San Francisco. Flight 93 was one of four civilian airliners hijacked and crashed by terrorists that day.

The Boeing 757 diverted from its filed flight plan as it neared Pittsburgh. The aircraft changed from its westerly course, turning south-southeast on a vector directly toward Washington, D.C., without declaring an in-flight emergency.

One of the last communications from the plane reportedly was a request to air controllers for permission to turn toward Washington.

"We know there was a struggle aboard that aircraft," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "We like to think that people in uniform tried to retake control of that aircraft and save many more lives on the ground," he told Air Force News Service Sept. 11. The aircraft later crashed in the countryside near Johnstown, Pa., killing all seven crewmembers and 38 passengers aboard.

Homer was a 1987 Air Force Academy graduate, from Cadet Squadron 31. He flew C-141 Starlifters at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., from 1988 to 1995. During that time, Homer served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and later supported operations in Somalia. While on active duty, Homer was named the 21st Air Force aircrew instructor of the year for 1993, and was a flight examiner and jump-rated when he joined the Air Force Reserve in 1995. For the next five years, he served as a C-141 instructor at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and flew commercially for United Airlines.

Homer became an additional-duty Academy admissions liaison officer in October 1999 and later gave up flying in the Air Force Reserve Command to become a primary-duty ALO in May 2000. As an ALO, he was a member of the Individual Ready Reserve, recruiting for the Air Force Academy and the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

ALOs interview, advise and assist Academy candidates with the admissions process. ALOs explain Air Force Academy and Air Force ROTC programs and admissions procedures to young men and women who are potentially qualified and interested in an Air Force career.

Homer was responsible for 30 schools in central New Jersey, mostly around the city of Trenton. (AFRC News Service from an Air Force Academy news release)

Air Force reservists support America's recovery efforts

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - In California, search and rescue teams board an Air Force Reserve Command C-141 Starlifter aircraft at March Air Reserve Base and a Reserve C-5 Galaxy at Travis AFB bound for McGuire AFB, N.J.

Halfway across the nation, a Reserve C-5 lifts off from the Lackland AFB, Texas, runway carrying Air Force medical teams and their equipment to McGuire. At Scott AFB, Ill., C-9 Nightingales shuttle to Andrews AFB, Md., and back to Scott with patients.

Closer to the sites of terrorist attacks on America, 22 surgical, trauma and critical-care specialists from the Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Medical Center, along with medical supplies and equipment, leave the base on a Reserve C-141 for McGuire.

Elsewhere in America, port mortuary specialists volunteer and prepare to travel to the Military Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Del., to begin the grim task of identifying and processing the remains of service members killed in the Pentagon attack.

Throughout the country, Air Force reservists volunteer to help the nation recover from the tragic events that occurred Sept. 11 at the World Trade Center in New York City and Washington, D.C.

AFRC flying units providing humanitarian assistance in the first two days after the attacks include:

- * 433rd Airlift Wing, Lackland AFB
- * 439th AW, Westover ARB, Mass.
- * 445th AW, Wright-Patterson AFB
- * 446th AW, McChord AFB, Wash.
- * 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March ARB
- * 932nd AW, Scott AFB. (AFRC News Service)

4 Reserve flying units receive call-up notice

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - The Department of Defense announced Sept. 20 the call-up of reservists from four Air Force Reserve Command flying units as part of the partial mobilization authorized by President Bush.

In the initial call-up, the units, locations and number of reservists authorized to report for active-duty military service are:

- 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., 644 reservists;
- 917th Wing, Barksdale AFB, La., 373
- 916th ARW, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., 337; and
- 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla. 231.

"Our mobilized reservists need the support of their fellow reservists, families and employers," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander. "I urge everyone to show their support for our reservists and their families throughout this national challenge. It will take all of us working together to succeed.

"Our men and women are trained and ready. I have total confidence in their

skills and dedication and what they bring to the Total Air Force."

Reservists called to active duty are required, under the provisions of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, to provide either written or verbal advance notice to their employer of the requirement to perform military service.

"No other single action more clearly demonstrates the national resolve than to mobilize the National Guard and Reserve forces of America," said Craig W. Duehring, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs. "These guardsmen and reservists are just the first to be put on partial mobilization orders. They're joining thousands of other reserve forces members who immediately answered the call, either in a state active-duty or federal volunteer status."

Under a partial mobilization authority, the country can mobilize as many as 1 million members of the Ready Reserve for up to 24 months. About 1.3 million men and women serve in DOD's seven reserve components. They make up nearly half of the U.S. armed forces. (AFRC News Service)

Patriotism increases recruiting inquiries

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - With patriotism running at an all-time high, Air Force Reserve Command recruiters are seeing a jump in inquiries since the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.



Since Sept. 11, 94th Airlift Wing recruiters have received approximately 60 phone calls per week — the beginning of renewed patriotism at Dobbins ARB. Senior Airman Kerri A. Kraft was enlisted on Sept. 28 by Col. James Stewart, 94th Operations Group commander. (Photo by Senior Airman David Atchison)

“We normally average 200 Internet leads a day, which are our most promising leads,” said Col. Kevin Reinert, deputy director of recruiting at Headquarters AFRC here. “In the past week, we’ve averaged 450 leads a day.”

Reinert said AFRC recruiting’s national telephone line usually averages 150 leads per day. During the week after the terrorist attacks, the recruiters aver-

aged 600 to 800 calls a day. That number jumped to 1,600 calls Sept. 17.

Some of the calls were from military retirees wanting to return to Air Force Reserve duty.

“People who contact us through the Internet can type in some remarks,” Reinert said. “Usually we receive questions about available benefits or particular job opportunities. That’s a lot different now; many people just want to know how they can serve the United States in any capacity.”

Some of the comments the recruiters have received included, “I want to serve my country to prevent forever what happened on September 11th.” Another person said, “I was thinking about joining the Air Force Reserve for a while since I left active duty. The time for thinking is over; it’s time for action. Our country needs everyone’s help.”

Air Force Reserve Command has an authorized end-strength of 74,470 reservists.

“We are within a few hundred of our upper limit and are more than 99 percent manned right now,” Reinert said. “By the end of September, we will be at 100 percent. But, we are always looking for hard-to-fill, warfighting support positions, such as aircraft maintenance, fuels specialists, air transportation specialists, medical technicians and services personnel.”

Air Force reservists range in age from the youngest at 18 to physicians and chaplains in their 60s. Reinert said the average reservist is about 34 years old with 12 to 14 years of active-duty and reserve service. (AFRC News Service)

Mobilized reservists may retain employer healthcare

WASHINGTON - Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994, reservists who are mobilized may keep their employer-sponsored healthcare coverage for up to 18 months.

“The employer could continue to provide coverage at no cost to the employee,” said Air Force Col. Kathleen Woody, director of medical readiness and programs with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

However, if the employer requires the member of the Reserve or National Guard to pay the whole tab, coverage could be cost-prohibitive for many families, she acknowledged. An employer may require the employee to pay the entire premium cost plus a 2 percent administrative fee if the employee is absent for more than 30 days.

For members who elect healthcare for their families under TRICARE programs, USERRA allows them to return to their civilian employer insurance plans with no waiting period or penalty for pre-existing conditions (other than service-connected conditions, which are covered by the military), Woody said.

“For example, if a reservist elects to get his family care under TRICARE while he’s activated and his daughter subsequently is diagnosed with diabetes, he can still go back to his employer healthcare plan under the same conditions as before he was mobilized,” Woody explained. “The family would be covered as if the reservist employee had never left.”

Members of Air Force Reserve Command with questions about their rights under this act should contact their employer’s human resources department or visit the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Web site at www.esgr.org (AFRC News Service from American Forces Information Service)

TRICARE covers most activated reservists’ families

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem

WASHINGTON - Family members of National Guard and Reserve members called to active duty for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE benefits the day their military sponsor mobilizes.

President Bush authorized the Department of Defense to mobilize up to 50,000 National Guard and Reserve members to deal with the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the Pentagon and in New York City. DOD officials have indicated they intend initially to call up about 35,000.

The type of TRICARE coverage reserve component family members receive depends on the length of the sponsors’ activation orders, Col. Kathleen Woody said. Woody, a full-time Air Force reservist, is director of medical readiness and programs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

Woody said Guard and Reserve members who are activated receive the same individual healthcare as their active-duty counterparts. Coverage for their families, though, can take many different forms.

If sponsors have orders to active duty for more than 30 days, their families are covered under the TRICARE Extra or Standard programs from the day the member is activated, said Woody, who is nurse. While these family members would be eligible for space-available care in any military medical treatment facility, Woody cautioned that available space is limited and suggested using it only for an emergency.

“You want to have them in a program with some continuity with the providers,” she said.

Eligible family members pay deductibles and cost-shares under both TRICARE Extra and Standard, Woody explained. Using a TRICARE Extra network provider can minimize those costs.

In addition, family members of reservists and guardsmen activated under orders for 179 days or more have the option to enroll in TRICARE Prime, the military’s version of a health maintenance organization. They will receive care in a military medical treatment facility or be assigned to a network provider in their area with no cost-shares or deductibles.

“TRICARE Prime is the only one of the TRICARE options that requires pre-enrollment on the part of the family members,” Woody said. Enrollment information can also be found on the TRICARE Web site or by contacting a local TRICARE benefits counselor. “Enrollment has to occur by the 20th of the month in order to be eligible for care on the 1st of the following month.”

For instance, reserve component

members who might be mobilized in coming weeks must have their enrollment forms in to TRICARE by Oct. 20 in order for their families to start receiving care on Nov. 1 under the Prime option, she explained. The family would be covered under TRICARE Standard or Extra until enrolled in Prime.

She said the most important thing for all reserve component members to do is make sure all the information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System is accurate. Since DEERS is the system used to determine eligibility for military health care, family members could be denied care if DEERS information is incorrect or incomplete.

In cases where service members are activated for contingency operations, they and their family members are eligible to retain their military medical benefits for up to 30 days after they’re released from active duty, unless sooner covered by an employer-sponsored health care plan.

“This gives them a cushion to get civilian healthcare coverage in place,” Woody said.

Dental care for reservists and their family members fall under somewhat different rules. Since earlier this year, reserve component members and their families have been eligible to enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program.

Woody explained that reserve members who had previously enrolled in the program are automatically removed when mobilized because they receive dental care from military providers while on active duty.

Reserve members in the Dental Program pay monthly premiums of \$19.08 for one family member or \$47.69 for a family enrollment. If the reserve sponsor is called to active duty, the premiums fall to the active-duty rates of \$7.63 per month for one family member or \$19.08 for multiple family members, Woody said.

Families who had previously declined TRICARE dental coverage but who wish to enroll after their sponsors are mobilized will be able to join at active-duty rates during the first 30 days. Enrollment forms and information are available online at <http://www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html>.

Woody noted that once the sponsor leaves active duty the rates revert to the higher premiums.

For more information on TRICARE benefits, visit the program’s Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil. Information on the TRICARE Dental Program can be found at www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html.

Reserve Affairs has set up a family readiness Web site at www.defenselink.mil/ra/html/family.htm (Air Force Reserve Command News Service from American Forces Press Service)

94th Combat Communication Flight inactivates

By Senior Airman Reid Hanna
Public Affairs

The 94th Combat Communications Flight was given the order to inactivate on Oct. 1. When a unit is inactivated, it is classified as and is no longer considered operational.

A long-time member of the 94th Airlift Wing family, the unit received the order in stride as wing leadership looked for ways to keep reservists employed.

One possible opportunity is assignment to the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. The group is creating the 55th Combat Communications Squadron, which will provide positions to 94th CBCF personnel. Decisions for staffing the new unit are in progress. This movement may also be affected because of the 5th CCGs recent mobilization in support of the nation's war on terrorism. The group has ample training and maintenance resources and is located 90 miles south of Atlanta.

According to Lt. Col. (sel)

Selina Petaros, 94th CBCF commander, other opportunities include relocation to other bases besides Robins AFB and cross training to other units located at Dobbins ARB. She said placement of the unit's people was top priority and she along with

other leaders would look at all options available to members. A majority of members have expressed plans to relocate to Robins AFB.

Among those not considering the move is Staff Sgt. James Amundsen, data

switching technician. Amundsen lives in Nashville, Tenn., and plans to seek alternatives to going to Robins AFB.

"I'm interested in earning a commission through the Deserving Airman Program or joining the Inactive Reserve," said Amundsen. "I really enjoyed this unit. It's sad to see it inactivate, but the trip to Macon from Nashville is just too far for me." Amundsen just recently joined the 94th CBCF.

Tech. Sgt. William Savage, ground radio technician, hopes Dobbins can accommodate his career field and he can stay. Cross training is Savage's first choice, but he admits that he'd rather have a position that is not classified as an overage.

"Over the years, the Combat Communication Flight has been a true asset to our wing and our operations," said Col. Jeffrey Ippolito, 94th Support Group commander. "The unit is made up of hard-working professionals who have proven they know how to get the job done and we'll miss them. Going forward, we will do what we can to help reassign members."

Plans for a final ceremony to retire the unit's colors have not been finalized.



Lt. Col. (sel) Selina Petaros discusses the units' status with Staff Sgt. James Amundsen. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

Secretary, chief of staff: A higher calling awaits

by Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — When he took the reins of the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 6, Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper hardly could have imagined what the future would hold. That a ruthless band of terrorists would attack in less than a week ... that he and his wife, Ellen, would attend a stirring presidential address to the Congress, preparing the nation for war on terrorists everywhere ... that the Air Force would likely play a key role in that war.

Yet, those were the realities as the new chief of staff spoke before a group of more than 200 Air Staff officer, enlisted and civilian people Sept. 21 at the Pentagon. The general, formerly commander of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va., was introduced by Dr. James Roche, secretary of the Air Force.

"The events of last week opened up a period for us in the Air Force where we have to adapt what we do well to the circumstances and threats we face," said the secretary. "I can tell you that we are blessed that we have a terrific team, and a terrific uniformed leader in John Jumper, to get the job done. I have the greatest confidence in him, and I think, together with you, he will serve our country very well in the years to come."

Following his introduction by the secretary, Jumper

spoke of the events of the week before, saying that the world changed for everyone on Sept. 11.

"Once again, airmen stepped forward and responded that day in a heroic way," he said. "We're in a different mode. The president said it better than anyone else could — we are going to march forward in a very determined way."

The U.S. Air Force, he added, is ready for the challenge.

"We were on a transformational path already," he said. "In 1997, General Ryan said we're going to take this AEF idea and make it work for the whole Air Force. So we've been in this period of transition for an extended period of time, and in doing so we've made ourselves ready for the events that confront us today."

It helps, he added, that the entire country is now once again behind the U.S. armed forces, with a single objective in mind: eradicate terrorism and the people and organizations who generate it. Sitting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff during President Bush's Sept. 20 address to Congress, he saw firsthand the solidarity behind this most important cause.

"If there is any one place where you can feel the power of the nation at work, it's in that body," he said. "And what you saw was a very diverse group of people come together behind the president."

The president's speech, he said, was extremely

effective, for a very simple reason.

"His heart is in this," Jumper said. "You get the feeling there is a passion involved in this ... there is nothing clinical about it. Of course, we're used to that. We do business on that basis all the time, or we would not be wearing the blue suit. But the nation has it now. You get this profound sense that we have just crossed this very difficult bridge ... civilians are now as much a target as people in uniform. It's frightening, but it's also galvanizing."

"The whole nation is looking at us in uniform to do the nation's business. Is there any higher calling than that? I don't think so."

Then, turning to Roche, "Mr. Secretary, I am proud to be a part of this team. We have before us today, the greatest Air Force in the world. And we are soon going to be able to demonstrate that fact once again. We will soon have to go into harm's way once again, and the men and women of the U.S. Air Force are going to make it happen. It is going to be magnificent, because we're going to do it standing side-by-side."

Down the road, the general said, today's airmen are going to look back at this time with pride.

"The things you tend to look back on are the things most important to you," he said. "I can't remember every year I got a pay raise, but I remember the 11th of September and I'll remember the events ahead of us today."

Attitude and your outlook on life

By Chaplain Erwin (Chris) Louis Carrow
Base Chapel

It's been said, "People generally see what they look for and hear what they listen for." Not too profound when you actually think about it, but the problem we all face and experience is that our perception is to often tainted by our attitude. It starts by the way we observe or are observed by others. Consider this little scenario and answer for yourself its familiarity.

- When the other person takes a long time, they're slow.
- When I take a long time, I'm thorough.
- When the other person doesn't do it, they're lazy.
- When I don't do it, I'm busy.
- When the other person does something without being told, they're overstepping their bounds.
- When I do it, that's initiative.
- When the other person overlooks a rule of etiquette, they're rude.
- When I skip a few rules, I'm original.
- When the other person pleases the boss, they're an apple polisher (I'm sure everyone of us has a more elaborate description of what this is called).
- When I please the boss, it's cooperation.
- When the other person gets ahead, they're getting the breaks.
- When I manage to get ahead, that's just the reward for hard work.

Our attitude toward others will be one of the most important choices we make. Don't allow yourself to focus on the unknown and pollute it with presumption. Strive for the facts in order to make a proper assessment. Jesus in Matthew 7:2 stated "For in the same way you evaluate others, you will likewise be considered, and by the standard you use, you will be graded." Casting stones, from people who live in glass houses is dangerous business. Ask yourself the question; "Is it easier to tear something down or build it up and make it better than it was before?" We need to take the time to really consider our attitude and the impact it has as we look and listen — see and hear. Get to the facts and avoid indiscretion, otherwise enviably you may experience the consequences of your own shortcomings. God's Blessing!

A sentiment worth sharing

In the wake of the terrorist acts that occurred on Sept. 11, the Public Affairs office received many calls. There were many calls with offers to help. One call stood out and is worth sharing. A woman from Chatsworth, Ga. called. She started out by describing a large plane that goes over her house on a regular basis.

The Public Affairs secretary was waiting to take an aircraft disturbance

complaint. Instead, the caller went on to say that after the attack, she didn't hear the plane. She said she missed it and felt vulnerable. She started to cry and then said she wanted everyone to know at Dobbins how much she appreciates us, and wishes us all to be safe - the same way she will feel when the plane resumes its route over her house. The caller left a message for pilots flying out of Dobbins — "Blow the horn next time you go by!"

NASA aircraft stops at Dobbins

NASA doesn't do just rockets. A WB-57, a high-altitude bomber converted for research by NASA sits at Dobbins after an atmosphere observation flight. The aircraft is capable of flying at 60,000 ft. The pilots have to wear special flight suits to protect them from the increased pressure of flying above the ozone layer. The team of scientists and aircrew members were in the Atlanta area last month gathering information on the ozone layer of the atmosphere. The 50-plus year-old aircraft is one of only two of its kind in the world that's still in flying status according to an Air Force spokesperson. (Photo by Senior Airman Reid Hanna)



Bright legacy, bright future

by Dr. James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Air Force bid farewell on Sept. 6 to a friend, an exceptional leader, and a champion of Air Force standards and quality of life. We also hailed on that day a new chief of staff, selected by President Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate, to preside over the total Air Force team as our highest uniformed leader.

Gen. Michael E. Ryan dedicated more than 36 years of his life to our Air Force - he sacrificed much and succeeded at all he did along the way. Our grateful nation and our superb Air Force are the beneficiaries of his exceptional leadership, his focus on improving quality of life for all airmen and their families, his innate sense of excellence, and his dedication to successfully transform us toward a fully expeditionary aerospace force.

His legacy is a bright and promising future for aerospace power and all airmen on the total Air Force team, including our active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, retirees, veterans, and families. It has been an incredible honor and a pleasure for me to have had the opportunity to serve with Gen. Mike Ryan. To me, he epitomizes the leader's ethic: my mission; my men; and only then, myself.

Gen. John P. Jumper, our new chief of staff of the Air Force, brings an impressive background and broad experience to the job of helping to lead our total Air Force team onward in this new century. Somewhat like General Ryan's, his family ties to our service extend as far back as the Army Air Corps. His experience transcends both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, with more than 1,400 combat hours in two Southeast Asia tours, and two full assignments in Europe. Having already proven himself a wise counsel and superlative leader at Air Combat Command, I am truly looking forward to serving with General Jumper in the

months and years ahead. Our bright future awaits. Together with everyone else on our team, General Jumper and I will work to pilot the journey that will take us there.

On behalf of the total Air Force team, I bid fond farewell with profound appreciation to Gen. Mike Ryan, and congratulate and welcome Gen. John Jumper, our 17th chief of staff of the Air Force.

Herk Wonders



What is your favorite monster?

"Herman Munster was my favorite because he was a big man in complete control of everyone."

Tech. Sgt. George Green, 94th Combat Communications Flight

"Because he was misunderstood, Frankenstein is my favorite. He just wanted a friend."

Tech. Sgt. Donnie Mattox, 94th Maintenance Squadron

"Dracula scares me because he sneaks up and bites you."

Senior Master Sgt. Michelle Wells, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

"A monster? Godzilla, because he is a big lizard."

Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Smith, 700th Airlift Squadron

"It has to be Freddie Kruger because he gets you in your sleep. If you are asleep, where can you run?"

Tech. Sgt. Bob Martin, 94th Communications Flight

"Jason from 'Friday the 13th' is my favorite. You could never get away, no matter how fast you ran. He would always be right behind you, walking."

Senior Airman James Branch, 94th Communications Flight

October Fall Fling cancelled

The Annual Fall Fling scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. in Building 838 has been cancelled.

NCO leadership development program (NCOLDP)

The Base Training Office will be hosting two NCOLDP courses for FY02. The dates are March 11 - 22, 2002 and June 3 - 14, 2002. This course is designed for mid-level enlisted personnel (E-4 minimum grade). The curriculum addresses theories and concepts of leadership and management and is highly recommended prior to becoming a supervisor. There are 24 seats available for each class, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Personnel selected must be submitted to the Training Office by letter, with commander's signature. POC is Tech. Sgt. Angie Cooper, (770) 919-5043.

Super Saturday

In honor of Dobbins Air Force Reserve members, the Consolidated Club will hold a Super Saturday UTA Social Hour. Non-Club members and guest pay only \$5. The fun begins Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, at 4:30 p.m., with a DJ and Laser karaoke. Free pasta buffet and drawing for one free year of club membership. For more information, call (770) 919-4594.

Basketball Jones

Do you have skills on the court? Prove it. The Fitness Center will be hosting a 3-Point Shooting Challenge at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 7 on the Fitness Center basketball court. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place finishers. For more information, call (770) 919-4872.

Win a car at the Dobbins Consolidated Club

The Consolidated Club's annual membership drive kicked off Aug. 1 and runs through Nov. 18. The Air Force Reserve Command Services is scheduled to give away a car to one lucky new member and one car to an existing member. As the membership drive edges closer, be on the lookout for how you can benefit from joining the Air Force Club system. For more information, call (770) 427-5551.

Thanksgiving Buffet

One more holiday made simple. Bring the family to the Consolidated Club this Thanksgiving Day and take the stress

out of holidays. A buffet will be served Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The menu will feature carved roast beef and ham, roast turkey and dressing, seafood newburg, baked yams and rive pilaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, honey glazed carrots, steamed broccoli and cauliflower, rolls and butter, assorted gourmet salads, and for deserts, cakes, pies and puddings. To reserve a seat at the buffet, call (770) 919-4594. Adult member price \$12.95; children 4 - 12 \$6; and children under 4 eat free.

Holiday Craft Fair

The Dobbins Consolidated Club will host its first Holiday Craft Fair Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Craft Fair provides inexpensive holiday crafts to our members and base population. For information about selling crafts at the fair, contact Kevin Gontarek at (770) 919-4594 by Nov. 10. Booth rental fees are \$50 and must be prepaid. A minimum of 15 booths must be reserved to hold the fair. The Club will have a snack and sandwich bar open for hungry shoppers.

3-on-3 Basketball Challenge

The annual holiday 3-on-3 half-court basketball tournament will take place at the Fitness Center on Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. The tournament is a single elimination tournament, continually running until a champion is determined. Individual trophies will be awarded to the first and second place team members. Maximum members per team are four. To register your team, contact the Fitness Center at (770) 919-4872.

Slot on the Resale Lot

Are you looking for a place to sell your car, truck, motorcycle, RV, camper, boat or trailer? Well, the Dobbins Outdoor Recreation/Rental Center has a spot waiting for you. For \$5 dollars a month for motorcycles, \$10 for cars or 1/3 ton small trucks and \$15 for 1/2 / 3/4 ton trucks; and \$20 for RV's, boats, trailers and campers you can showcase a vehicle you want to sell on the Dobbins Resale Lot. For more information, call (770) 919-4872.

Lodging price change

Based on the lodging rate determination package, SAF/FMC has approved raising the lodging rates at Dobbins. A \$4.50 increase will result in a \$19 cost for all VAQ, VOQ, and VQ rooms, and is needed to stop the operating losses resulting in a financial drain on the Command Lodging Fund's ability to fund approved

facility improvement projects. Distinguished VAQ and VOQ suites will increase to \$27.50. These rates include a \$3 surcharge levied by HQ USAF/ILV for construction of new Air Force TLFs and VQs. This increase was implemented July 1. Effective Oct. 1, Air Force will increase the surcharge by \$4 per night. At that time Dobbins rates will increase to \$23 for VQ, VAQ and VOQ rooms and \$31.50 for distinguished visitor quarters.

New Years Eve Party

The Consolidated Club is hosting the party of the year. Tickets go on sale Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. for \$35 per person. This years New Years Eve Party features an expanded menu including "Tornados of Beef," a dish that includes medallions of tenderloin grilled to perfection topped with a morel and chanterelle mushroom sauce or "Seafood Vol au Vaunt," that includes shrimp, scallops lobster and crab simmered in a white wine sauce and served in a puff pastry shell. Also included are a split of champagne to be served at 11:45 p.m., breakfast to be served at 12:30 a.m., party hats, favors, decorations and live entertainment. Lodging representatives will be on hand during ticket sales to make lodging representatives. Space available reservations are subject to change due to military requirements. For more information, call (770) 919-4594

SGLI coverage extends to family members

The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance will be extended to provide coverage to family members beginning Nov. 1.

The government has always had an excellent estate program to protect family members in case of a servicemember's death, said Maj. Jeffrey T. Keef, chief of Air Force military estate and special pays policy at the Pentagon. However, little has been available to provide the military member financial protection in the event of a family member's death.

Under the new provisions, spouses and children will be automatically covered if the military member is an SGLI participant, Keef said. The member will have the option to decline spouse coverage if submitted in writing.

The maximum automatic coverage is \$100,000 for a member's spouse, and any lesser amount must be evenly divisible by \$10,000, Keef said. However, the amount of coverage of a member's spouse cannot exceed the amount of coverage of the insuring member. Premiums for spouse coverage will be charged based upon spouse's age and will range from 9 cents to 55 cents per \$1,000 of coverage. For

example, \$100,000 of coverage could be obtained on a spouse younger than 35 for \$9 per month.

There is also a policy conversion option for the insured spouse after loss of eligibility for SGLI, he said.

Children will be covered automatically for \$10,000, and no premiums will be charged the member, Keef said. In cases where both parents are eligible SGLI participants, the child may not be insured by more than one member.

In the event of a family member's death, any insurance in effect will be paid to the insuring member. If the member passes away before payment can be made, then the amount will go to the people named as the member's beneficiaries.

"The Air Force sees this as a good deal for its members," Keef said. "By allowing members who have elected coverage only under SGLI to opt for family member coverage, we are putting them on equal ground with civilians who might obtain family coverage as a rider to their master civilian life insurance policies," he explained. "This relieves our members from having to seek out more than one provider in order to acquire coverage for the entire family."

Military personnel flights can expect to receive detailed implementing instructions in September. For more information go to the SGLI homepage at <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sgli-fam.htm>

Active-duty retirees can get information on joining the AF Reserve

The Air Force Reserve is offering active-duty military retirees the opportunity to return to military service.

The National Defense Authorization Act for FY2001 added Section 12741 to Chapter 1223, Title 10 USC, which permits retired active-component service members who later serve in the Air Force Reserve to elect retirement as members of the retired reserve.

In addition to helping Air Force Reserve Command fill a critical need, active-duty retirees will receive benefits for continued military service as reservists.

Interested people who believe they qualify for the program may contact the Recruiting Opportunity Center at 1-800-295-4648 where they can leave information for a recruiter to call them back. To learn more about joining the Air Force Reserve, people may visit www.afreserve.com/retiree.

Opportunity knocks

Airman, the United States Air Force

Newly Assigned

Lt. Col. David W. Simoneau
Maj. Katherine Keating
Maj. Donald T. Oesterle Jr.
Maj. Kevin C. Riley
Maj. David Tribo
Capt. Stephen Klein
Capt. Mark A. Jordan
Master Sgt. Judy Gibson
Tech. Sgt. William Clare
Tech. Sgt. Davis G. Gabrielle
Tech. Sgt. Arthur J. Tolliver
Tech. Sgt. Tommy M. White
Staff Sgt. Michael D. Adams
Staff Sgt. George K. Aldridge
Staff Sgt. Paris A. Basey
Staff Sgt. Bobby L. Crews
Staff Sgt. Marily C. DeMetrick
Staff Sgt. Lavern R. Figg
Staff Sgt. Gregg A. Fleming
Staff Sgt. Walter N. Karschnik
Staff Sgt. Robert J. Lynch
Staff Sgt. Robert A. Willis

Academy wants you! Eighty-five appointments are available for Air Force Reservists and National Guardsman who meet the eligibility requirements. Applicants must be at least 17, but no older than 23, on July 1 of the year you desire to enter the academy; be an unmarried citizen of the United States, and have no dependents; and be of good moral character.

If you are interested in earning your college degree at the Air Force Academy and becoming an officer in the U.S. Air Force, call your local Admissions Liaison Officer, Maj. Young, at (770) 805-8660 or the U.S. Air Force Academy at (719) 333-2520.

Tuition assistance to increase, include master’s degree

Air Force Reserve Command will increase the maximum amount of assistance and level of course work offered through its Tuition Assistance Program starting Oct. 1.

The maximum aid reservists may receive annually will climb from \$2,500 to \$3,500, and the program will expand studies from a bachelor’s degree up to a master’s degree.

The changes are part of the Reserve’s ongoing effort to attract recruits and bolster retention.

Unit reservists can learn more about the eligibility requirements and program features from base/wing education and training offices. Individual mobilization augmentees can obtain assistance from Delaina Hull of the military training division at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver. ARPC/DPAT’s telephone number is (303)

Senior Airman John D. Bauer
Senior Airman Lekembria M. Bennet
Senior Airman Toron Bordain
Senior Airman Joseph J. Bruno
Senior Airman Timothy L. Gay
Senior Airman Kessla Hines
Senior Airman Michael J. Houser
Senior Airman Idea Jones
Senior Airman William D. Jones
Senior Airman Lyndsey M. Leffel
Senior Airman Brandon R. McDuffie
Senior Airman James P. Russell Jr.
Senior Airman Lorenzo Worrell
Airman 1st Class Joseph L. Robinson
Airman Issac Cabe

Promotions

To Senior Master Sgt.
Michael J. Lapa
Gene A. Thomason Jr.

676-6396 or DSN 926-6396. (AFRC News Service)

Family Readiness

Family Readiness continues to visit units to assist members with their personal readiness plan. Members complete the items on their personal affairs checklist and keep the items in a personal affairs packet. Family members should always know where the packet containing items, such as wills and powers of attorney, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates, and bank account numbers, are located.

The 94th AW Community Action Information Board will meet on Sunday of the November UTA at 9 a.m. in the wing conference room.

Additional Family Readiness Volunteer spouses are needed for unit family support groups. The volunteers are trained to assist the unit families at times of major mobilization.

Each unit should have at least five volunteers for their family support group.

The 94th AW Family Readiness Unit points of contact will be meeting on Sunday of the October UTA in room 2313 of building 838.

For more information, contact J. Ealy Ritter at (770) 919-5004. If out of the Atlanta area, call toll free (888) 436-2246, ext. 9-5004.

Mission Support Squadron Outstanding Performers

The outstanding performers for the 94th MSS/DP, April - September are Dianne Freeman and Staff Sgt. Monique Johnson.

Michele Wells
Mark D. Young

To Master Sgt.

Ira C. Carney
Gerald A. China
David L. Conklin
Jody P. Jenkins
Wardell Leonard
Leah M. Upshaw
Kelly S. Wood

To Tech. Sgt.

Mitch Daniel
Benjamin F. Garridogodoy
George W. Green
Frederick L. Hadsell IV
Eugene A. Maag
Jerrard L. Mack
Irene D. Mackson
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Javonne M. Barnwell

Clergy Day 2001

The 94th Airlift Wing will be hosting a Clergy Day on Tuesday, Nov. 6. This is an opportunity for your pastor/priest/rabbi to learn more about Dobbins and the mission of the 94th Airlift Wing. If you would like your clergy person to be invited, please fill out the information below and return it to the base chapel through the mail system.

Yes!

Please invite my Pastor/Clergy/Priest/Rabbi (circle one) to the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Clergy Day on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Name_____

Church_____

Address_____

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Member name_____

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